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In re Patent Application of)
Olivier LEGENDRE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1764
Application No.: 08/914,244) Examiner: I. Bullock
Filed: August 19, 1997)
For: CATALYTIC TREATMENT OF)
GASEOUS EFFLUENTS)
CONTAINING VARYING AMOUNTS)
OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS)

**PRELIMINARY REPLY AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111, 1.115 AND 1.119**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 27, 1998, the period for response having been extended until September 27, 1998 by a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) An activated alumina catalyst comprising a cocatalytically effective amount of sodium values for conversion of CS₂, said effective amount, expressed by weight of Na₂O, ranging from 1,200 ppm to 2,500 ppm.